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*The*  
MIGHTY QUEENS  
*of*  
FREEVILLE

**A Mother, a Daughter, and the Town That Raised Them**

**By Amy Dickinson**

**Nationally syndicated “Ask Amy” columnist and contributor  
to NPR’s *Wait, Wait...Don’t Tell Me!* & *Talk of the Nation***

“A delicious and hilarious memoir  
. . . never, for a moment, self-indulgent.”  
—Adriana Trigiani, bestselling author of the *Big Stone Gap* series

“Dickinson writes with an honesty that is  
at once folksy and intelligent. . . . Irresistible.”  
—*Publishers Weekly*, **STARRED REVIEW**

“The queens are Dickinson’s mom and aunts. . . .  
Their charm and grit will inspire you too.”  
—*Good Housekeeping*

“Great American storytelling at its best.”  
—Laura Zigman, author of *Animal Husbandry*

“Buoyant and bright, Dickinson offers a refreshingly open and  
sincere tribute to life’s most important relationships.”  
—*Booklist*

Every day, 22 million people read Amy Dickinson’s syndicated “Ask Amy” advice column, and millions more tune in to hear her on National Public Radio. How does Amy know the answers? In her warm and relatable memoir, **THE MIGHTY QUEENS OF FREEVILLE** (Hyperion, February 3, 2009, Hardcover; \$22.99), Amy spins a moving story about the mistakes and triumphs of her own life and the women in her family who

support her through them all. These “Mighty Queens” are the source of her strength and wisdom.

Amy Dickinson succeeded Ann Landers, but her narrative voice is more Nora Ephron than Dear Abby; **THE MIGHTY QUEENS OF FREEVILLE** blends small-town warmth with razor-sharp humor. Amy made her share of blunders after leaving her hometown, Freeville, New York (pop. 458). After living in big cities around the world, she took the long way home, through marriage and divorce and raising a child on her own. Amy writes memorably of single parenthood, Methodist chicken barbecue, hilariously bad dates—like the architect who rejected her “for structural reasons; his exact words were, ‘I don’t like your body’”—and the rueful, secretly gleeful realization that she has raised her daughter, Emily, to “the apex of dorkitude.” Amy’s complicated family might not be perfect, but their unwavering love sustains her. In the end, Amy and Emily, too, mature into Mighty Queens.

At its heart, **THE MIGHTY QUEENS OF FREEVILLE** is about appreciating the good things in life—family, home, and community—wherever we can find them. It’s a moving testament to the women in Amy’s family, women like the ones all of us cherish, who lead small lives of great consequence.

Amy Dickinson is available for interviews. Discussion topics include:

- The most valuable words of wisdom Amy has offered to her own daughter;
- Why she knows the answers, who she consults when she doesn’t, and who she recommends relying on in your own life;
- Advice for how single parents can form support networks as she did during her 17 years raising her daughter, Emily;
- Tips for surviving the financial crisis with your relationships intact;
- Suggestions for how men and women alike can show gratitude to the amazing women who support them through life’s triumphs and tragedies, large and small.

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Amy Dickinson writes the syndicated advice column “Ask Amy” which appears in more than 150 newspapers nationwide including the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and the *Washington Post*. Amy hosts a biweekly feature on NPR’s *Talk of the Nation* and serves as a featured panelist on NPR’s popular game show *Wait Wait . . . Don’t Tell Me!* Formerly a columnist for *Time* magazine, Amy lives in Chicago and in Freeville, New York.

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